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Applicant(s): K. AOTA ET AL.

Serial No.: New U.S. Divisional Application
(Corresponds to Appln. Ser. No. 09/546,563
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For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION STIR
WELDING

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: K. Stoner

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 10, 2001

SIR:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents cited in connection with prior applications of the above-identified application, i.e., Serial No. 09/025,070, filed February 17, 1998, and Serial No. 09/546,563, filed April 11, 2000.

Since application Serial No. 09/025,070 and No. 09/546,563 are being relied upon under 35 USC 120 in the above-identified application, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.98(d).

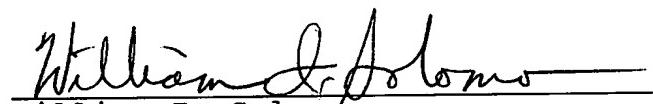
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified Divisional application. Accordingly, the requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are satisfied.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the listed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (503.35933VV5) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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